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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13-31 without prejudice. Please replace claims 1-12 with the following amended claims 1-12. For convenience, a complete set of pending claims is shown below.

C --1. (Amended) An isolated nucleotide sequence obtained from the 5' sequence of a murine villin gene, having a size of 9 kb on an agarose gel, or a fragment thereof, comprising nucleotide elements having a cis-regulatory activity that promotes transcription of the murine villin gene.--

--2. (Amended) The isolated nucleotide sequence according to claim 1, which is the sequence extending 5.5 kb upstream and 3.5 kb downstream from the transcription initiation site of the murine villin gene.--

--3. (Amended) The isolated nucleotide sequence according to claim 1, which is the sequence identified as Seq ID NO:1.--

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